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- 1. Date of Application: November 15, 2013**
- 2. Applicant - Central Coast Motorcycle Association**

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See attached verification of non-profit status

3. **Project title** – Equipment purchase – Sutter Trail Tractor
4. **Amount of funding requested:** \$33,000.00
5. **Objective of the project** – Purchase a replacement trail dozer
6. **Project description**

This application requests funding for the purchase of a replacement trail dozer for use on the Pozo La Panza OHV trail system. Sutter trail dozers are used on many National Forests for trail construction and maintenance. They are a heavy duty unit designed to provide many years of service under harsh conditions. They have a highly versatile six-way blade that can move at many angles which is ideal for construction of rolling dips. In addition the blade is only 60 inches wide. Most modern tractors, including Bobcats and other skid steer units have an 84 inch blade that is too wide for use on trails.

In their Assessment of the Pozo La Panza trail system Trails Unlimited, an Enterprise unit of the Forest Service, recommended that smaller equipment be used to maintain the trail system. They recommended that we obtain a Sutter trail dozer for this purpose.

The trail dozer presently used on the Pozo La Panza system was purchased around 1989. It was a very early model machine that was used throughout the 1990's for trail grading and construction of rolling dips. At some point the machine fell into disrepair and sat neglected for many years behind Pozo Station.

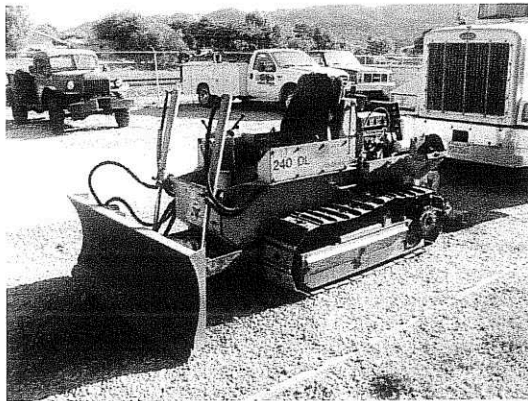


Figure 1 neglected machine undergoing repairs

The CCMA recently repaired this machine and put it back into service. This was done so that we could use the smaller equipment recommended by Trail Unlimited. A replacement engine was installed and many upgrades were made at considerable expense. The machine is now in good operating condition; it has limited power and has proven to be marginal for anything other than minimal trail maintenance. It requires frequent age related repairs and is nearing the end of its service life.



Figure 2 Pozo dozer back at work again on Howards Bypass

Trail dozers have been significantly improved since the 1990's. It is now time to replace the aging trail dozer with a newer unit. We investigated various machines available on the present market.

Mini excavators are readily available at a reasonable cost of \$25,000-30,000. They are also available as rental units and the CCMA has used these with some success, however mini excavators do not have the six-way blade that is necessary for the construction of rolling dips and maintenance of OHV trails.

Skid steer "Bobcat" type units are also readily available at similar cost, but do not have a narrow six-way blade. In summary, we have not been able to locate a good alternative and we are requesting funding for the purchase of a factory reconditioned Sutter trail dozer.

We propose that the machine would be owned and maintained by the CCMA for use on the Pozo La Panza trail system. We are open to other options. The Forest Service has indicated that they would prefer not to carry the machine on their equipment inventory as they lack the funds and know how to maintain it.

The machine would be stored at Pozo Station, but moved around the Forest as needed. The Forest and CCMA have trucks and trailers capable of moving the machine. The CCMA has qualified operators among its members.

Project schedule

Once grant funding has been approved an order would be placed with Sutter Equipment, Carson City, Nevada. The unit would be delivered to Santa Margarita. See the attached estimate.

Project justification

The justification for purchase of the trail dozer is set forth in the project description. The machine would be used to maintain the trail system that is utilized by Forest visitors for many purposes as described in the following paragraphs.

Number of persons served:

Use of the Pozo La Panza Trail System:

We estimate that the Navajo Flats staging area receives, at a minimum, 5000 and 7500 visits per year. This is based on traffic counter data collected by the Forest Service. Trail traffic counter data recorded during 2009 revealed that Burnout trail, which originates from the Navajo Flats Staging area, received approximately 10,000 trips. Red Hill Road, which provides access to the Navajo Flats staging area, received over 14,000 trips.¹

14% of "walk in" inquiries at the Forest Service office in Santa Maria were OHV related².

National Forest Visitor Use (NVUM) data was collected for Los Padres National Forest in 2009. Results are attached and can be verified by using the interactive web site found here: <http://apps.fs.usda.gov/nrm/nvum/results/A05007.aspx/Round2>. The Survey reports approximately 50 vehicles per day at the Turkey Flats staging area on the two days surveyed.³ Turkey Flats is a second staging area for the Pozo La Panza OHV area. NVUM survey data is not available for Navajo Flats.

¹ Trail Counter Data, Santa Lucia Ranger District, 2005-2009 – see Attachment B, Visitor Use Data

² Walk-in tally 2012, US Forest Service, Santa Maria District Office

³ Non-Proxy Results by Survey Day, National Visitor Use Monitoring, US Forest Service, 2009
<http://apps.fs.usda.gov/nrm/nvum/results/A05007.aspx/Round2>. Accessed Feb 2013.

OHV recreation is popular in San Luis Obispo County. San Luis Obispo OHV Registrations (green sticker) totaled 7,027 for a population of 253,600 (California Fuel Tax Study, 2006).⁴ OHV recreation is popular in the Western States. 17.6 % of the population over age 16 has participated in OHV use. 12% of population is 16 or older. ⁵ (Cordell et al., 2008.)

Alternatives

We have explored a number of alternatives to purchasing a machine. Some possibilities have been covered by the project description and won't be repeated here.

Most trail maintenance is done in the spring when there is enough moisture in the soil for good compaction, but not enough rainfall that runoff causes erosion. Conditions need to be just right. This leaves a very narrow window of opportunity for work to be done. It is therefore necessary to have a trail dozer readily available on short notice to take advantage of favorable conditions when they occur.

Trail dozers are not available for rent locally. We have tried other equipment such as skid steers and mini excavators and have found them far less than ideal for trail maintenance.

The Mt. Pinos Ranger District of the Los Padres owns a Sutter trail dozer and we have attempted to borrow their machine, however it is located over 3 hours away and has to be transported here at significant cost. The machine is only occasionally available for use on the Santa Lucia District because it is usually committed to projects on other districts. Also the Mt Pinos machine is approximately 20 years old and prone to frequent breakdowns.

We considered renting a machine from Sutter but they are located in Carson City Nevada. Rental units are not always available from Sutter when we need one, and the rental cost is \$3600 per month plus \$1200 for transportation which is cost ineffective.

Last year we requested that the Los Padres National Forest purchase a replacement machine, but the Forest Service informed us that it is required to buy only new equipment. The cost of a new Sutter is approximately \$90,000 and 25% matching funds are required to acquire one with OHV Grant funding. The Los Padres indicated they are unable to provide over \$22,000 as match for this piece of equipment.

The alternative would be for the CCMA to purchase a new unit, however the cost is excessive. If no replacement unit is purchased we will continue to use a combination of the old dozer and rental equipment. Trails will be maintained less frequently and will become wider over time. Erosion control features will be more difficult to construct and will be less of than ideal

⁴ Estimating the State Fuel Tax Paid on Gasoline Used in the Off-Highway Operation of Vehicles for Recreation: Survey Results, September 2006, Table 4.1, page 4-6. California State Parks.
<http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/fuel%20tax%20survey%20report.pdf>

⁵ Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation in the United States and its Regions and States: A National Report from the National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (NSRE), February, 2008, H. Ken Cordell
Carter J. Betz, Gary T. Green, Becky Stephens. USDA Forest Service, 2008.
<http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ohv/IrisRec1rpt.pdf>

configuration. There will be the potential for somewhat greater soil loss and erosion on the trail system.

7. Long range plans and maintenance of the project

As is the case with the trail system as a whole, the Sutter trail dozer would be maintained using OHV grant funding from a variety of sources, including Ground Operations grants from the State of California, San Luis Obispo County and the CCMA. Estimated cost of maintenance is approximately \$1000 per year.

8. Description of land status and location: Not applicable, equipment purchase.

9. Land owner authorization for the project

See attached letter of support from the US Forest Service

10. History of condition and status of resource and expected benefits

See the project description for the history of trail dozers on the Pozo trail system. The benefit to the trail system and its users would be a better maintained system with improved erosion control, less soil loss due to use of an appropriately sized machine, and a better visitor experience due to improved trail surface conditions. Reduced soil loss would improve the long term viability of the trail system.

11. Site plan – see photo of trail dozer

12. Detailed description and estimated costs

Item	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Number of Units	Total Cost
Reconditioned Sutter Trail dozer	ea	33,000.00	1	
shipping		695.00		
				33,695.00

13. Amount of match funds, materials, and volunteer labor designated for project:

The present trail dozer is worth approximately \$6500.00. Sale of the unit would provide match for purchase of the new unit.

14. Experience of applicant in completing similar projects

2009 - The Central Coast Motorcycle Association first applied for San Luis Obispo County OHV License funds in 2009. The CCMA was awarded \$15,000 to complete trail maintenance and \$10,000 for specialist surveys needed to complete planning for the Navajo Flats Project. The trail maintenance was successfully completed by the California Conservation Corps and CCMA in April of 2009. The Navajo Flats Plan was completed by the US Forest Service in 2012 as the first phase of the current Navajo Flats Improvement Project.

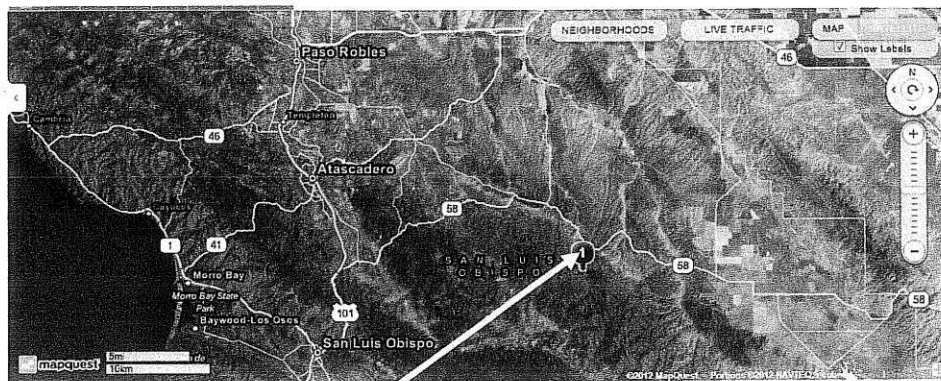
2011 - The Central Coast Motorcycle Association was awarded \$25,000 from the SLO County OHV License Fund for trail reconstruction. Work was completed on the Mare Springs trail in May 2011 by the CCC with the CCMA providing construction materials and logistical support.

2012 - The Central Coast Motorcycle Association was awarded \$25,000 from the SLO County OHV License fund for a two phase project that would include phase 1, flagging of trail reroutes, followed by phase 2, environmental surveys necessary to study the reroutes for construction. The reroutes were flagged in during May-June of 2013. We anticipate beginning the environmental surveys for preparation of an environmental assessment once we have received grant funding for this phase.

2013 - The Central Coast Motorcycle Association was awarded \$41,000 for furnishings for the Navajo Flats Improvement Project and \$8000 for development of the Turkey Flats Concept design through the San Luis Obispo County OHV Grants program. Both projects are well under way. In addition the CCMA received a Ground Operations grant for trail and facility maintenance from the State OHV Division grants program and \$19,000 from the Recreational Trails Program, also for the Navajo Flats Improvement Project.

15. Allowable Use Criteria and Grant Evaluation Criteria

This project meets the criteria for Operation and Maintenance category because it sustains and improves support facilities for motorized recreation as well as non-motorized recreation through trail maintenance.



Vicinity map showing project location.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: APR 11 2003

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Employer Identification Number:
95-4690961
DLN:
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Contact Person:
MICHAEL A LUDWIG ID# 31470
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Our Letter Dated:
December 1998
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)

W-9
Form
Rev. December 2011
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)
CTUC
Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above
Central Coast Motorcycle Association - California Trail User's Coalition

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:
☐ Individual sole proprietor
☒ C Corporation
☐ S Corporation
☐ Partnership
☐ Trust/estate
☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax class below (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership):
☐ Other (see instructions):
☐ Exempt payee

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
3550 Foothill Blvd
City, state, and ZIP code
Glendale, CA 91214
Use account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, this is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN on page 3.

Social security number

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Employer identification number

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Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification Instructions. You must check out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person *Edward J. Parker* Date *1/27/2013*

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, where applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on "foreign partners' share of effectively connected income."

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
 - A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
 - An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
 - A domestic trust as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7.
- Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.



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File Code: 1580

Date: November 13, 2013

Curtis Black
Deputy Director of County Parks
County of San Luis Obispo
1087 Santa Rosa Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Mr. Black

The Los Padres National Forest is pleased to support the Central Coast Motorcycle Association and the County of San Luis Obispo in submitting three grant applications to support activities on the Los Padres National Forest.

The applications are for:

1. Planning studies and NEPA document preparation necessary for a trail rerouting project.
2. Restoration of areas damaged by off-trail OHV use
3. Purchase of equipment to be used for trail maintenance on the Los Padres OHV trail system.

The first proposal, for a planning project, is the continuation of a trail flagging project that began in 2011. Over the past year ground surveys were conducted and initial feasibility studies were done on thirteen sections of trail that would be rerouted or relocated. The trail system would become more sustainable following construction of the reroutes due to reduced maintenance requirements and less potential for erosion and watershed sedimentation. Two sections of trail would be studied for a location to improve the connectivity of the trail system.

This project has progressed to the point where specialist surveys and document preparation need to be done to begin the NEPA planning process. Preparation of NEPA documents is necessary prior any ground disturbing projects on National Forest Lands. The NEPA studies and documents are to be prepared by an outside contractor and we understand this contractor is preparing a bid to be submitted as part of the CCMA's grant application. Once the NEPA process has been completed construction of the trail reroutes could begin.

The second proposal being submitted by the CCMA is for restoration of areas damaged by unauthorized OHV use on the Forest. Specialist surveys would be conducted and documents prepared as required prior to this work. The project would involve installation of fencing along trail corridors in a number of locations to keep riders on the trail. Areas where off trail riding has occurred would be covered with brush and other natural material to discourage off trail travel. This project would help preserve cultural and natural resources on the Forest.

The third proposal being submitted by the CCMA is for the purchase of a Sutter trail dozer to be used for maintenance on the trail system. This would replace the present trail dozer that was



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purchased in the late 1980's and has reached the end of its service life. Small dozers of the type used for trail maintenance are not available for rental from local sources or from other Forest districts. Consultants have recommended the use of small machines such as the Sutter for trail maintenance on the system.

In previous years the CCMA has done an excellent job at coordinating trail projects on the Forest and has been successful at maintaining trails for the public's use. They have been an integral part of the planning and development of the Navajo Flats Staging Area re-design project.

We look forward to continued leadership and project between the CCMA, County of San Luis Obispo, and the Forest Service. Thank you for your time and funding efforts in providing ways to improve recreational activities on the forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Phelps', is written over the printed name.

KATHLEEN PHELPS
District Ranger

Estimate

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